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TOPIC -----

What is CEToolbox? Why is it installed with PlainTalk? Can you take it out without creating problems?

DISCUSSION -----

With most versions of PlainTalk, Apple supplies a Test Drive version of QuicKeys from CE Software.

This version of QuicKeys has a two month expiration time. Supplied samples demonstrate capabilities and integration with speech that go beyond what AppleScript alone can do. Examples show off things QuicKeys can do with Control Panels and applications that cannot be done with AppleScript.

CEToolbox is a system extension that makes QuicKeys available in the Apple menu or the menu bar. It performs other managerial functions for QuicKeys and various products in the CE Software product line. These are usually common interface routines to the Macintosh Toolbox.

The version of CEToolbox supplied with the QuicKeys Test Drive is sufficient to demonstrate the capabilities of the product. Updating to a higher version of CEToolbox does not create problems. Removing CEToolbox does not cause PlainTalk to stop working, although it may cause some speakable phrases not to work if they use the QuicKey OSA language.

There is usually a file called QuicKeys Script Examples, which is a Speech Macro Editor document, placed in the Extensions folder. It contains definitions of recognizable speech phrases to turn Virtual Memory on or off, and copy a selection to the Scrapbook. These are actions that could not be done with just AppleScript functionality, and show off QuicKeys extended capabilities.

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